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## PRODUCERS, BUSINESSES CAN REACH INTERNATIONAL MARKETS THROUGH SUSTA

BY LOREN LINDLER

Over 95 percent of the world's consumers are outside of the United States. Pretty wild, right? It is no surprise that the Palmetto State has a lot to offer consumers around the globe — fresh produce, specialty foods, meat, dairy, and the list goes on. The South Carolina Department of Agriculture is eager to assist South Carolina producers in sharing their products around the globe.

The Southern United States Trade Association (SUSTA) helps small businesses in the Southern United States promote value-added U.S. food and agricultural products to foreign markets. SUSTA's members are the 15 Southern Departments of Agriculture, serving participant companies headquartered in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

“SUSTA helps South Carolina agribusinesses navigate international markets, promote themselves, and make the connections that make trade possible,” says Hugh Weathers, South Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture. “We're proud to be a member of this valuable organization.”

One local specialty food producer in particular is utilizing SUSTA to expand her markets and share her apple butters and variety of jams with buyers. Adams Apple Company, based out of Lexington,

started working with SUSTA in 2017. Since getting involved with the organization, Theresa Adams has been able to attend various global events and utilize SUSTA's CostShare program.

Last summer, she had the opportunity to travel to the Summer Fancy Food Show in New York as an exhibitor. Each year SUSTA sponsors a 19-booth pavilion, allowing new companies to showcase their products to international buyers from across the world. This



show provides SUSTA region companies a cost-effective opportunity to introduce their products to a mix of national and foreign buyers without leaving the United States.

Under the CostShare program, businesses can receive a 50 percent

reimbursement of certain eligible expenses for promoting a brand in foreign markets, such as advertising, exhibiting at international trade shows, and sampling.

SUSTA-eligible companies range from fresh produce to beer, wine, and spirits. Eligible products may also include meat, dairy, horticulture, forest products, and specialty foods like Adams Apple Company.

In addition, the program offers an Export Readiness Training to make sure a business is ready for that next step. The course provides agribusinesses the tools to create a successful international marketing strategy. During training, participants will assess their capacity for exporting, identify key foreign markets and learn practical export fundamentals so they can confidently export their products.

If you're a producer looking to share your product with the 95 percent of consumers who are outside of the United States, this is a great opportunity to reach that potential.

**Get in touch with our SUSTA representative**

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## COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA  
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

## TRAVELS AND TOPICS

I've just returned from the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition in Charleston, where our department puts on a big production each year to promote South Carolina agriculture. In our Certified SC tent, we hosted chefs and farmers together on our cooking demo stage to educate the public about locally grown foods, how they are grown, and how to prepare them. We also had almost 30 vendors selling their wares, from locally grown rice to jams using local fruit. Some South Carolinians never get the chance to speak with a farmer up close, and SEWE gives us a chance to make that happen.

Before SEWE, I was in Washington DC for the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture's Winter Policy Conference. While there, I got the opportunity to conference with the other Southern states through SASDA, as well as to vote on a series of policy priorities for NASDA in the coming year.

One priority is increasing access to milk, including flavored milk, in school lunch programs to ensure children's nutritional needs are being met.

Another priority is pushing USDA to publish guidance for states concerning animal disease outbreak response, and to make it clearer what costs

the federal government will bear. While South Carolina is fortunate not to have had a large flock or facility affected with highly pathogenic avian influenza during the current cycle, the response process has been frustrating for producers in other states. My last numbers showed that the “bird flu” had claimed over 58 million chickens and turkeys.

In the previous issue of *Market Bulletin*, I shared some of my hopes for the new Farm Bill that Congress is working on right now — specifically that we need to maintain crop insurance programs and strengthen protections and innovations for specialty crop producers.

Something else that's being discussed in the next Farm Bill is a permanent federal fund for disaster assistance for farmers. I think this would be a good move. The purpose of the Farm Bill is to ensure a safe and consistent food supply, and a disaster fund would allow us to help farmers more quickly when disaster strike. Our South Carolina Legislature created a similar fund last year. While we haven't had to dig into it yet, it's a weight off my mind to know that we could help Palmetto State farmers through a disaster with a minimum of obstacles.

*Hugh Weathers*



UPCOMING EVENTS

City Center Farmers Market

March 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28  
The Florence City Center Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 9 am – 1 pm and every Tuesday from 4 – 7 pm. The market features local farmers and artisans from the surrounding cities and counties. Local farmers will provide a variety of fresh produce, meat, dairy, and bread. There also will be some crafts vendors.  
City Center Farmers Market  
200 Sanborn Street, Florence  
facebook.com/citycenterfarmersmarket

Protecting Family Land, Get a Clear Title, and Make Timely Tax Payments

March 11 • 12 – 2 pm  
These issues and many more will be addressed at this event by The Center of Heirs' Property Preservation that provides legal and forestry education. The Center offers three " buckets" of services: Prevention, Resolution, and Land Utilization. Partner agencies information that can provide financial assistance will be given. Do you have a will? They can help you with one. Questions about who is a legal heir will be answered. "A family tree can wither if nobody tends its roots." It's Free!  
Darlington Library  
204 N. Main Street, Darlington  
Contact: Baronda, Ltd.  
ruth.m.baronda@verizon.net • 843-861-6355  
heirsproperty.org

Fox Hideaway Spring Market

March 11 & 12  
Let's talk about Family Farm Days! Tell us who your favorite vendors are. We're decreasing the number of events this year and we want to pack each one with all of your favorites!  
Fox Hideaway  
1822 Saint Matthew Church Road, Eastover  
foxhideawayfarm@gmail.com • 803-567-3046  
facebook.com/FoxHideawaySC

Sunday Brunch Market – St. Patrick's & Celtic

March 12 • 11 am – 2 pm  
Come enjoy tasty treats, local grown goods, and fun activities. Seed Share – bring your extra seed to share in the community. Come hungry, shop local, leave happy! For a vendor application, please email product photos to us. Vendor categories include farmers, makers, and food. We do not have categories for direct sales or commercially made products.  
Greer Farmers Market  
301 E Poinsett Street, Greer  
maggie.greerfarmersmarket@gmail.com  
facebook.com/greerfarmersmarket

Annual Cotton Growers' Meeting

March 15 • 10 – 11 am  
Open to those in the South Carolina cotton industry to receive updates and provide input on the Boll Weevil Eradication Program in the state. The meeting will include updates from the S.C. Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, the Southeastern Boll Weevil Eradication Program, SC Dept of Ag, and Clemson Extension, research and regulatory programs. Registration is not required.  
Farm Bureau Office-Executive Board Room  
724 Knox Abbott Drive, Cayce  
Contact: Clemson Department of Plant Industry  
plantindustry@clemson.edu • 864-646-2140



Craft Pop-Up – Greenville

March 18 • 9 am – 1 pm  
Join us for a one day only Craft Pop-Up event! Shop handmade crafts, candles, pottery, jewelry, and soaps by local vendors.  
Greenville State Farmers Market  
1354 Rutherford Road, Greenville  
Contact: Lia Sanders  
lsanders@scda.sc.gov • 864-244-4023  
greenvillestatefarmersmarket.com

U Pick Daffodils

9 am – 4 pm  
We have plenty of blooms but as always, we suggest you come earlier rather than later in case we sell out. Daffodils are 50 cents per stem for you-picks and \$9 for pre-pick bunches of 15 daffodils.  
U Pick Daffodils  
48 Calhoun Plantation Road, Okatie (Bluffton)  
chuck@UPickDaffodils.com • 843-368-1998 (text)  
UPickDaffodils.com  
facebook.com/UPickDaffodils

SALES & AUCTIONS

Claxton's Auction

March 4 & 11 • 11 am – 5 pm  
Special Sale March 19 • 1 pm  
Every Saturday. Equine, cows, sheep, goats, pigs, camelots, ratites, poultry, and small animals.  
18627 Lowcountry Hwy, Ruffin  
Contact: William Claxton  
843-909-4285 • wlcjr@yahoo.com

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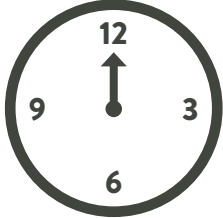
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**POLLED HRFRD BULL**  
2 y/o, B-2/4/21, Encore b'line, \$2000 Crystal Smith Fairfield 803-960-2526

**COMM BRANGUS BULL**  
2 y/o, \$2000 obo John Hays Anderson 864-617-9772

**YRLG BLK ANG**  
2 hefrs, 3 bulls, \$850 & \$900; 16 m/o Ang/Char bull, \$1000; 4 y/o Blk Ang bull, proven producer, \$2200 Suzanne Reed Anderson 864-293-0363

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M & F, \$750, 1 yr or less; \$1500/adults, most females are bred, del avail Ottis Wagner York 704-609-4912

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B-10/22, \$1000 ea or \$2500 for all Steve Vernet Spartanburg 864-363-5800

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& hefrs, confirmed bred hefrs by Reg Bull, all low BW, gentle, \$1200-2500 Bobby Baker Lancaster 803-804-2230

**FB RED POLL YRLG BULLS**  
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**2 JERSEY STEERS**  
12 m/o, 700 lbs, \$650; 6 m/o, 300+ lbs, \$350 William Shealy Lexington 803-513-3485

**REG BLK ANG BULL**  
L/R Milburn, B-12/26/20, AAA 20125216, good EPDs, Sav B'line, \$3150 F Haniff Aiken 803-645-3642

**10 POLLED HRFRD BULLS**  
26 m/o, ready to breed, thick muscle, \$3600+ Norris Fowler Union 864-219-0182

**15-16 M/O RPLCMNT HEFRS**  
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27 m/o reg blk, \$1800; 20 m/o paint bull, \$1700; 4 PB bulls, \$1300+; reg hefrs, \$1500+ John Steele Lancaster 803-283-7720

**BELTED GALLOWAY BULL**  
10 m/o, PB, not reg, \$700; 2 cows & 2 hefrs, \$900 ea Tommy Cumalander Newberry 803-414-2542

**BLK HRFRD BULL**  
Mr High Night HB 020593, calved 10/31/20, docile, ready for serv, \$3500 Mike Bethea Lancaster 704-534-6708

**REG BLK ANG BULLS**  
14 m/o-2 y/o, \$1750+; prs & springers, \$1500+ Marc Renwick Newberry 803-271-8691

**REG BLK ANG HEFRS**  
open & bred, 2 bred cows or prs, \$2500+ Walter Shealy Newberry 803-924-1000

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**'48 JD B**  
\$2200; 12' JD pull type disc, \$900; 10' 3pt Howse mwr, \$3200; all in GC Jack Hurst Chesterfield 843-921-8574

**'52 FORD 8N**  
GC, \$3000; 8'x16' all steel trl w/2 ldr pads, 2 axles w/4 tires, \$4000, no text Jimmy Wilson Anderson 864-923-2348

**JD 3025E**  
hydro, 4x4, ldr, 75 hrs, LN, \$19,750 Gary Blackwell Spartanburg 864-809-8323

**6525 MAHINDRA**  
w/ldr & grapple, \$17,000; 504 Vermeer baler, \$8000; JD 1219 MoCo, \$2500; 2 basket tedder, \$500 Greg Craps Lexington 803-582-8728

**JD 2020**  
dsl, \$7500; 10'6" JD 285, \$6500; JD 335 baler, \$8500; JD 702 8 whl rake, \$4000 Ronnie Judy Dorchester 843-701-6394

**JD 5065E ENCL CAB TRACTOR**  
65hp, 4wd, A/C, 220 hrs, \$48,000 obo George Miller Greenwood 864-822-0067

**KRONE DISC MWR AM283**  
\$8000; Pequea 11 whl hay rake & Krone tedder, \$7000 ea; Ford NH 7740 w/ldr, \$25,000 Otis Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222

**GANDY 10T DROP SPRDR**  
6' pull type, GC, used to drop lime, min rust, \$1500 David Bailey Spartanburg 864-441-9099

**MOBILE WELDER ON TRL**  
Miller Bobcat 225, ac/dc, tig,10hp air compressor, all accs, \$7500 D L Dimery Lexington 803-796-2995

**GLEANER M2 COMBINE**  
315 grain head, 438 corn head, JD454A row crop head, \$16,000; JD 300 corn picker, \$3000 Addison Livingston Lexington 803-608-0998

**STEEL FLR TRL**  
w/tongue box, spring assist ramps, locked spare tire, \$3500 Mark Fields Laurens 864-554-4189

**3 WAGONS**  
30x8 no bed-all metal, for hay, \$800; 12x8 wooden bed, \$300; 16x8 metal bed, \$600 Brice Stephenson York 803-684-3418

**JD 4710 SPRYR**  
\$48,000; KMC 4r ripper spider, \$1600; JD 328 baler accumltr, grapple, \$16,000 Jeffrey Gilmore Chesterfield 843-517-0315

**DEMCO ELEC SKID SPRYR**  
50 gal w/8' boom & handgun, \$100 Robert Grobusky Oconee 864-650-4126

**'95 FORD SUPER DUTY**  
29,000 mi, 7.3 dsl, 5 spd OD, 15,000 GVWR, stake sides, no rust, EC, \$26,000 Lewis Hay Charleston 843-270-9002

**5x7' TRL**  
\$500 Bobby Dennis Newberry 803-924-2118

**IH 1020 HDR AUGER**  
15', \$400; NH rnd baler, \$2700 Charles Nichols Saluda 864-445-8350

**4x5 HAY BALER**  
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**2R JD 7100 PLNTRS**  
3ph, plate type or seed meter, \$2000-2500 Ray Ward Clarendon 803-473-3355

**NH 1037 STACKLINER**  
FR, used last season, 105 sq bale cap, \$7500 Allen Kirchner Aiken 803-646-0999

**NH 650 RND BALER**  
4x6, GC, \$4000 Ed Hagan Abbeville 864-378-6992

**MF 1080**  
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**FULL SET 2R CULTS**  
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**'71 CUB TRACTOR**  
yel/wht, GC w/attach, \$3800; ' M FA w/PS, \$1800 Wendell Whelchel Cherokee 864-490-8705

**JD NO-TILL MAXI-MERGE PLNTR**  
2r, refurbished by the Amish, \$4350 Rowland Alston Sumter 803-491-7180

**3000 FORD**  
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8x24, '3 w/sides, 3 w/o sides, GC, road ready, \$2000 obo ea Robert Sanders York 803-448-9909

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140 gal, 3pt, 16', new hose & pump, EC, \$1850; 3pt Carryall, \$75 George Schwab York 803-493-8021

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WC 1504, 3ph, NC, chips up to 4" dia, \$3800 Johnny Lyon McCormick 864-443-5323

**FORD TRACTOR**  
new lift cyl, PTO shaft, starter, alt, tires, carb, fuel tank, frt end, & new spare parts, \$5375 Tom Kirkley Lancaster 803-246-8195

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**JD 450E DOZER**  
for parts or repair, good eng, final drive, \$6500 obo T Campbell Chester 803-518-0907

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**24' GN FLAT BED TRL**  
14,000 lb gross wt, GC, \$7500 Johnny Anderson Edgefield 803-279-4138

**NH TEDDER MOD 162**  
4 rotor, for parts or repair, \$650 Wade Parnell Anderson 864-338-5678

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in GC, \$3500 Otto Williamson Williamsburg 843-372-2692

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FARM LAND

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on big creek, Grnvl Co, near Fork Shoals Rd & W Georgia Rd, \$250,000 w/survey John Cooper Greenville 843-693-9099

**WANT 5+A**  
suitable for livestock, Fairfield, Kershaw Co Mason Motley Richland 803-754-3224

HOGS / PIGS

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**FB BERKSHIRE PIGS**  
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Greenwood  
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& fabrication, farm & hvy equip, fences, gates, etc  
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Greenville  
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Newberry  
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Lexington  
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CLEARING

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Chester  
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& shelling serv, 50¢/lb for cracking only; 85¢/lb for both  
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FORESTRY MULCHING

land clearing, wildlife mgmt, ditches, grading, pond digging  
Jay Lowder  
Clarendon  
803-473-0646

CUSTOM SPRIGGING

CB & Tifton 85 Bermuda grasses, statewide, lrg & sm jobs, call for more info  
Timmy Benton  
Colleton  
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AG FENCE INSTALL

serving the Upstate, fixed knot woven wire, barb, HT elec, board, hyd post driving  
Taylor Chappell  
Abbeville  
864-276-8906

TRACTOR WORK

frt end ldr, dirt blade, bush hog, chain saw trees, back hoe work w/in 20 mi  
David Wannamaker  
Calhoun  
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FENCES INSTALLED

per your specs, free est  
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843-636-1699

FORESTRY MULCHING & CLEARING

pine site prep, mulching, land clearing, ditching/drainage, ponds, road work  
Andy Anderson  
Florence  
843-862-1080

PASTURE MGMT SERV

spray weeds, treat fire ants, fert & lime, plant pastures, Fescue, Ryegrass, Bermuda, Bahia  
Kenny Mullis  
Richland  
803-331-6612

FRESH PRODUCE

PRODUCE MUST BE RAW AND NON-PROCESSED. RAW MILK, BUTTER, AND CHEESE PRODUCTS MUST BE PERMITTED BY THE SC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL. AN EGG LICENSE IS NOT REQUIRED FOR ON-FARM POINTS OF SALE.

PECANS

comp shelled, \$12/lb; cracked & blown, \$4.50/lb; in-shell, \$3/lb, p-up in  
Newberry or Irmo  
Russell Shealy  
Newberry  
803-944-7316

PECANS

shelled & in bags, \$10/lb  
F Rowe  
Newberry  
803-271-7768

RAW JERSEY COW MILK

w/all the cream, \$10 gal  
Sam Stevens  
Aiken  
803-645-5111

BLUE RIBBON SUGARCANE

\$65/100 stalks  
FC Noles  
Barnwell  
803-383-4066

CHICKEN EGGS

farm fresh, \$3/dz, \$4/18  
Rose Roof  
Lexington  
803-315-7307

GARDEN

ADS ARE NOT ACCEPTED FROM COMMERCIAL NURSERIES, WHICH HAVE ANNUAL SALES OF \$5,000.

FIG & BLUEBRY TREES

3 gal, \$15; grapevines, \$10; Blkberry plants, 3/\$25; Pomegranate trees, \$20; Bluebry, 3 for \$20  
FC Noles  
Barnwell  
803-383-4066

GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

BILLIE GOATS

all sizes & breeds, \$250 ea; more  
Sam Parnell  
Abbeville  
864-940-6663

PB NUBIAN GOATS

M & F, \$200-400  
Aaron Shirey  
Lexington  
803-413-2974

FB FAINTING GOATS

12 w/o, \$250/M, \$300/F  
Elaine Cowee  
Berkeley  
843-861-0377

2 Y/O ND BILLY

proven, polled, blue eyes, \$200 or trade for same  
David Oser  
Dorchester  
843-557-5200

KIKO GOATS

kids, yrlgs, & adults, \$75-250  
Jonathan Hardy  
Richland  
803-730-8551

MALE LAMBS

LT 1 y/o, 100 lbs, \$150  
Ottis Wagner  
York  
704-609-4912

ANGORA GOATS

mature proven buck, \$200; wethers, \$175; pregnant does, \$250  
Emily Simon  
Lancaster  
803-627-7850

2 KATAHDIN/ROYAL WHT CROSS RAMS

10 m/o, \$300 ea  
Edward Holliday  
Laurens  
864-684-7075

BOER/BRIAR MIXED NANNIES

all ages, photos avail, \$100-150  
Ken Evans  
Lee  
803-464-1370

5 PB NZ KIKO GOATS

CDT, Famacha, reg not incl, \$300 ea  
Jane S Cooper  
Greenville  
843-693-1949

DORPER/KATAHDIN RAM

2½ y/o, proven breeder, lrg, blk/wht, \$275 or trade  
Tammy Hodge  
Sumter  
803-983-5041

¾ BOER ¾ MILK GOATS

6 m/o billies & nannies, \$200 ea  
Philip Poole  
Union  
864-427-1589

2 NGN DWARF BILLY GOATS

both blue eyed & 1 y/o, throws lots of color, \$175  
Diana Melton  
Clarendon  
803-464-2992

REG F3 VALAIS BLK NOSE RAM

9 m/o, friendly, proven, \$2500  
AG McGonigal  
Greenville  
864-421-4971

HAY & GRAIN

CORN

50 lb bag, \$10; 55 gal drum, \$55; Oats, 55 gal drum, \$50  
Plato Kneece  
Aiken  
803-582-8665

4×5 NET WRAP CB

\$60; 4×5 string wrap CB, \$50; all kept outside; 200 sq CB bales, barn kept, \$7  
Bradley Hightower  
Orangeburg  
803-682-1865

HIGH QUAL FESCUE

barn stored, twine tie, \$60/bale  
Jacob Cathcart  
Fairfield  
803-603-7322

HQ ALFALFA HAY

\$20/bale; 30% Alfalfa/70% Orchard mix hay, \$16/bale, cash only  
Chris Banks  
Richland  
219-863-4069

'22 ALFALFA

dairy qual, 3×4×8, 1600 lbs, \$380; 3×3×8, \$200, 850 lbs, cash sales  
Chris Roux  
Cherokee  
864-906-5471

'22 HQ SQ CB

del avail, \$9.50/bale  
Ryan Lindler  
Lexington  
803-603-2484

WHEAT STRAW

4×5 net wrap, \$40 ea  
Richard Knight  
Kershaw  
803-427-6440

'22 SQ OAT STRAW BALES

clean, \$4.50 ea  
Tom Fink  
Lexington  
803-622-4678

'22 4×5 RND CB

net wrap, NR, well fert, stored outside indiv on pallets, \$70/bale  
Eddie West  
Aiken  
803-507-8205

WHEAT STRAW

sq, \$5/bale  
Jason Nichols  
Saluda  
864-992-2753

SQ CB

\$8 ea; Rye straw, \$6 ea; all barn kept  
Howard McCartha  
Lexington  
803-312-3316

NET WRAP CB

barn kept, \$70 ea  
Clayton Leaphart  
Lexington  
803-892-2642

'22 CRAB GRASS HAY

1000 lb rnd bales, twine tied, \$40  
Joe Johnson  
Berkeley  
843-567-7774

**COASTAL & TIFTON**  
rnd bales, 1000 lbs, \$40-50  
Culler Hayne  
Orangeburg  
803-682-0036

HQ FESCUE

4×4 rolls, \$45; 100 sq's, \$6.25  
Harry McMillan  
Spartanburg  
864-327-7369

25 BALES OATS HAY

string wrap, shed kept, \$60/bale  
Harroll Stockman  
Newberry  
803-924-7878

'22 4×5 CB

wrapped tight, \$60/bale  
Johnnie Legree  
Bamberg  
803-614-4665

PLANTS & FLOWERS

ADS ARE NOT ACCEPTED FROM COMMERCIAL NURSERIES, WHICH ARE DEFINED AS HAVING ANNUAL SALES OF \$5,000.

LENTEN ROSES

in all colors, hardy, deer resistant, shade-loving, \$8-\$20, depending on size  
Sarah Rowell  
Edgefield  
803-637-6379

CANNA LILIES

mixed colors, \$2 ea; Petunias, purple, long stem, \$1 ea  
Daniel Hutchins  
Lexington  
803-995-5458

MONKEY GRASS

aka Liriope, Hosta, \$4 ea; Iris, Daylily, \$5 ea; Hydrangea, Gardenia, \$10 ea  
Woody Ellenburg  
Pickens  
864-855-2565

OAK TREES

5'T, \$10 ea  
Brian Gray  
Greenville  
864-908-9777

3 GAL AZALEAS

\$10; Camellias, Sycamore, Mimosa, Carolina Sapphire, \$20; 1 gal Azaleas, Tea Olives, Boxwood, \$5  
FC Noles  
Barnwell  
803-383-4066



MISCELLANEOUS

**USED BLK NURSERY POTS**  
3 gal, \$50/100, 1 gal, \$10/100; Troy-bilt chipper/shredder, recently serv, new battery, \$450  
Susan Queen  
Lexington  
803-394-8668

**BLUEBERRY PROCESSING EQUIP**  
BEI grading elevator, blowers, packing line, etc, in GC, \$8500 obo  
Ricky Tumbleston  
Charleston  
843-813-8383

**RED OAK BOARDS**  
rough cut, 1¼"thick, 4, 6, 8"W, 8-14'L, \$3/bdft  
Joel Grubb  
Calhoun  
803-351-0144

**GY 19.5-24" TIRES**  
10 ply, new, \$850; 14.9-28 w/rims, \$650; 18.4×42" all terrain Firestones, \$1800 ea  
Ronnie Judy  
Dorchester  
843-701-6394

**GARDEN TRACTOR**  
GC, \$2000  
Jack Kay  
Greenville  
864-419-1322

**RADIATOR**  
for JD 6620 combine, \$300  
Otto Williamson  
Williamsburg  
843-372-2692

**CARPENTER BEE TRAPS**  
sold & shipped in lots of 5, \$85 incl ship  
Bill Timmerman  
Aiken  
803-640-6265

**'67 JD LAWN TRACTOR**  
mod 110-112, deck w/metal rnd fenders & seat, \$675  
Greg Alewine  
Lee  
803-229-2322

**USEABLE REAR TIRES**  
for farm tractors & backhoes, \$40+  
Clint Boyd  
York  
803-487-4209

**'19 KUBOTA DSL ZERO TURN**  
LN, 50 hrs, mod ZD 1011, \$13,500  
Jerry Comeaux  
Spartanburg  
864-992-3869

**RABBIT MANURE**  
\$20  
Amy Ridgeway  
Lexington  
803-629-6131

**(2) 6000 LBS TRL AXLES**  
w/drum brakes, \$300; JD LA115 riding mwr, w/42" deck, GC, \$300  
Steve Vernet  
Spartanburg  
864-363-5800

**DEHORNING TOOLS**  
& dehorning, hoof cleaning, more, \$25 ea or \$90 for all  
George Whittle  
Edgefield  
803-275-3729

**SAND CLAY & TOPSOIL**  
5 ton load, \$60/sand clay; \$80 /topsoil, del w/in 20 mi; rock or sand, \$2/mi del  
David Wannamaker  
Calhoun  
803-682-2117

**RADIATOR**  
for IH 715 combine, \$300; new 5hp elec motor, bought for grain auger, will work w/anything, \$800  
Jason Nichols  
Saluda  
864-992-2753

**6'-25'L1×6" CEDAR LUMBER**  
cedar posts & utility poles, \$1-2.50/ft  
James Burns  
Laurens  
864-918-6308

**DSL WELDER/GEN**  
AC/DC, Miller Bobcat 250D, low hrs, 50' of leads, \$5500  
Stanley Taylor  
Chester  
803-789-5236

**HDWD LUMBER**  
air dried 6 mon, 1×6×8' poplar boards, \$20 ea; 1×8×8' red & white oak boards, \$35 ea  
R Anderson  
Greenville  
864-234-2918

**CEDAR MULCH**  
\$50/p-up load; rnd 7' cedar fence posts, \$3 each; cedar poles, \$5 ea/8', \$7 ea/10' & \$9 ea/12'; more  
Andy Morris  
Newberry  
803-276-2670

**HIGH TENSILE WIRE**  
5 or more rolls of elec fence wire, some new, \$200  
Ken Evans  
Lee  
803-464-1370

**GOURDS**  
for Purple Martin bird houses or crafting needs, med, \$4; lrg, \$6  
Glen Clamp  
Lexington  
803-673-8013

**RAIN BIRD IRRIG SPRINKLERS**  
water gun on stands w/flange, 100B × 7 units, \$200 ea  
Robert Bruce  
Greenville  
864-360-3036

**55 GAL FG DRUMS**  
metal, \$20 ea; plastic drums, 30 & 55 gal, solid tops, \$15 & \$20 ea; 275 gal port tow tanks, \$50 ea  
Philip Poole  
Union  
864-427-1589

**JD D110 42" LAWN MWR**  
19.5hp, no deck, motor runs good, \$300 obo  
Otis Hembree  
Spartanburg  
864-316-1222

**USED NURSERY POTS**  
1 gal, 15¢; 2 gal, 25¢; 3 gal, 40¢; 5 gal, 65¢; 7 gal, 90¢  
Brian Gray  
Greenville  
864-908-9777

**HONEY BEES**  
5 frame Italian honey bee nuc, \$170, early April del, call to reserve  
Dale Starnes  
Lancaster  
803-577-7871

**HOMELITE 5HP IRRIG PUMP**  
new, \$275; lot hose, \$75; Rainbird irrig sprinklers, \$20 ea  
George Schwab  
York  
803-493-8021

**OLD COMP FARM BELL**  
old, #3, \$350; xl farm bell, w/wheel, comp, \$1200; #20 hash pots, \$200 ea; #15, \$150; more  
Perry Masters  
Greenville  
864-561-4792

**LRG HOBART COFFEE GRINDER**  
\$1200; CS Bell grits/corn meal grinder, \$150  
R Long  
Newberry  
803-924-9039

**RND CEDAR POSTS**  
cut to var sizes, 4-10" dia, 6-12' L, \$6-\$12 ea, depend on size; cut 4×4, \$2/bdft  
Douglass Britt  
McCormick  
864-391-3334

**90 GAL GATOR BED SPRYR**  
JD LP20853, \$600  
Cal Norris  
Edgefield  
864-378-2693

RABBITS

**LA COTTONTAILS**  
\$10  
Duman Wicker  
Newberry  
803-537-7222

**REX**  
all colors, yng, \$15 & \$20 ea; grown bucks, \$15ea; LA cottontails, grown bucks, \$15 ea; does, \$25ea; yng, \$15 ea  
Philip Poole  
Union  
864-427-1589

**HOLLAND LOPS**  
& Netherland Dwarfs, \$50+  
Amy Ridgeway  
Lexington  
803-629-5131

**LA COTTONTAIL CROSSED**  
on MS cane cutter, \$10 ea  
Danny Cook  
Newberry  
803-924-6953

SEED

ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CURRENT SEED LAB TEST.

**SOYBEAN SEED**  
Glyphosate tolerant, w/ no patent, G-93%, \$20/50lb bag; Browntop millet seed, G-83%, \$30/50lb bag  
Jeffrey Gilmore  
Chesterfield  
843-517-0315

WANT - LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

**RIR CHICKS**  
HB Walling  
Calhoun  
803-596-6869

**PIGEONS**  
reasonable priced  
Lynn Claxton  
Colleton  
843-909-4285

WANT - FARM EQUIPMENT

**8' HAY DISC CUTTER**  
in GWC, w/3pt hook up  
Mark Bishop  
Newberry  
803-944-6259

**LDR FOR 4440 JD TRACTOR**  
& D7G w/KG blade & root rake  
Scott Langston  
Oconee  
864-723-0125

**BUSH HOG 2245-QT LDR**  
usable 60 or 66" bucket & Ford 1120 grill  
John Pieniadz  
Dorchester  
843-922-2158

**9' DISC MWR**  
Salvage Krone AM282 w/ good slides  
Jeff Millen  
Chester  
803-209-0893

**2R JD 25B CORN PLNTRS**  
in WC or repairable  
Marion Mackey  
Lancaster  
803-416-7712

**JD 7410 W/CAB & AIR**  
also a 200+ hp JD tractor  
Rudy Gadson  
Orangeburg  
803-308-0672

**BUCKET FOR NH 7308**  
pinned & 5' or more  
Robert Burke  
Anderson  
864-934-6856

**10-12' BWA HARROWS**  
JD 3020, 4020, 4240, 4055  
Ronnie Judy  
Dorchester  
843-701-6394

**VERMEER 5041**  
or 5051 or Super 1 rnd baler  
F Rowe  
Newberry  
803-271-7768

**FARM TRACTOR**  
in VGC, a Ford/NH or MF, no less than 50hp  
Thomas Gambrell  
Abbeville  
864-828-4119

WANT - MISCELLANEOUS

**OLDER AXES & HATCHETS**  
indiv or entire collectns, in any cond, cash paid  
Douglas Blackburn  
Out of State  
404-702-9581

**BLKSMITH ANVIL**  
any size farm bells, wash & scalding pots, #3 CS Bell cradle  
R Long  
Newberry  
803-924-9039

**5V CRIMP TIN**  
any old farm equip or metal items  
David Wannamaker  
Calhoun  
803-682-2117

**FIELDS OF LONG LEAF STRAW**  
for raking, top prices paid, American owned  
David Shull  
Lexington  
803-318-4263

**ELEC FUEL TANK PUMP**  
goes into 500 gal dsl tank  
Charles Nichols  
Saluda  
864-992-2753

**48" MWR DECK**  
for a 520 Toro whl horse tractor, in VGC  
Bobby Dennis  
Newberry  
803-924-2118

**28×13.6 TRACTOR TIRE**  
James Roach  
Richland  
803-542-8275

**OLD TIMEY SHINGLE MILL**  
to buy, prefer a Lane or Chase brand  
Leo Martin  
Horry  
843-397-6901

**HDWD TREES**  
will haul away for you, to use on small sawmill for furniture making  
Sarah Rowell  
Edgefield  
803-637-6379

**MARTIN GOURD RACKS**  
hay rake umbrella design, 12 gourd hangers, \$60; heads only, 16 hangers, \$70  
Pete Jordan  
Darlington  
843-332-3219

**ANY SIZE WASH POTS**  
syrup kettle, anvils, lrg coffee grinder, old lighting rod w/ balls & weathervane, more  
Perry Masters  
Greenville  
864-561-4792



SPOTLIGHT ON AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

South Carolina's agribusiness, agriculture, and forestry industries collectively make up one of the largest sectors in the state's economy. As an advocate for agribusiness, the SC Chamber partners with the SC Farm Bureau, Forestry Association of South Carolina, and Palmetto AgriBusiness Council to host the annual Spotlight on Agriculture and Forestry networking reception.

MARCH 22, 2023  
5:30 – 7:30 pm

City Roots Farm, 1005 Airport Blvd., Columbia, SC 29205

TO REGISTER:  
[scchamber.net/events/2023/03/22/hidden/spotlight-on-agriculture-forestry](https://scchamber.net/events/2023/03/22/hidden/spotlight-on-agriculture-forestry)





# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND PESTICIDE DISPOSAL SET FOR MARCH 4 IN YORK

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture and York County will hold a household hazardous materials and pesticide collection on Saturday, March 4, from 8 a.m. to noon at the York County Public Works facility, 220 Public Works Road (off Highway 5) near the Moss Justice Center in York.

The collection is for residents only; products from businesses will not be accepted. The household materials collection is open only to residents of York County. Collection of unwanted and unused pesticides is open to residents and farmers of any South Carolina county. Staff will be on site to monitor pesticide collection and disposal and will have final authority on acceptance of products.

Additional details include:

- Quantities will be limited to 2500 pounds of solid and 300 gallons of liquid at no charge.
- Acceptable products include herbicides, insecticides, nematicides, fungicides and similar products used in agriculture production or around the home.
- Prohibited items include empty pesticide containers, rinsate, infectious, biological or radioactive materials, explosives, and major appliances.
- A hazardous materials company will be on site to properly dispose of the materials collected.
- Materials should be transported to the collection event in sturdy boxes with newspaper stuffed between the containers to prevent spills.
- Leave items in their original containers.
- Workers will be on hand to unload vehicles, and citizens will be asked to stay in the car.

Collection events may be cancelled due to inclement weather, with the cancellation posted on SCDA’s website, [agriculture.sc.gov](http://agriculture.sc.gov). Possible makeup dates will be announced at a later date.

The Household Hazardous Materials Collection Event is funded in partnership between the South Carolina Department of Agriculture and York County government.

For more information, contact John Stokes at 803-737-9696 or [jstokes@scda.sc.gov](mailto:jstokes@scda.sc.gov).

# LAKE CITY WAREHOUSE TO BECOME MAJOR COTTON STORAGE FACILITY

BY EVA MOORE

LAKE CITY – The Humphrey-Coker Seed Company has bought a former tobacco warehouse and will repurpose it as a bonded cotton storage facility, creating new jobs and investment in Lake City, South Carolina.

The 213,000 square-foot warehouse will be used to store cotton ginned by Humphrey-Coker, and as a transload facility for Olam International to handle other cotton that is being exported through the Port of Charleston.

With a storage capacity of about 70,000 bales, the facility will significantly expand Humphrey-Coker’s ability to serve South Carolina farmers.

“Right now there’s a lack of storage in South Carolina for cotton farmers, which this warehouse will address for the foreseeable future,” said Humphrey-Coker co-owner D Brown.

The new facility will employ a warehouse manager and six to eight forklift operators, according to Humphrey-Coker co-owner Keith Gill. He also expects the local trucking industry to see a boost as cotton is transported to and from the warehouse and the port.

“Our company’s investment will benefit the whole Lake City area,” Gill said.

Humphrey-Coker owns two cotton gins – the Coker Gin in Hartsville, SC, and a second gin in Salters, which it bought in 2019. The company dates back to 1920.

The past two years have been positive for the South Carolina cotton industry, with record yields and good prices.



# SC STATE 1890 BOLSTERS SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PROGRAM WITH NEW CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT AGRICULTURE RESEARCH SCIENTIST

*DR. BRANDON HUBER WILL INSTITUTE INDOOR FARMING TO HELP SMALL, UNDERSERVED FARMERS INCREASE PROFITS*

BY MAURICE MITCHELL, SC STATE UNIVERSITY

ORANGEBURG, SC – To launch its controlled environment agriculture program, SC State 1890 Research & Extension adds Dr. Brandon Huber to its research program. Huber, who joined the organization Jan. 2023, will serve as the controlled environment agricultural research scientist.

Huber specializes in controlled environment agriculture research, including optimizing indoor farming production.

“Indoor farming offers the capability to replicate and control outside environmental elements like sunlight and water, which are needed for crops to grow [indoors] and allows for higher yields of return by maximizing these environmental conditions,” said Huber. “One of the main advantages of indoor farming is that harsh environmental factors, like fluctuating temperatures, droughts, storms, animal, or insect infestations are eliminated since production is indoors.”

Dr. Brandon Huber, new SC State 1890 controlled environment agricultural research scientist, shown inside the newly installed high tunnels at the SC State 1890 Research & Demonstration Farm in Olar, SC.

Huber noted the types of controlled indoor farming programs that will be administered through research and extension programs include vertical farming (crops that are stacked and grown

on levels above each other), hydroponic farming (crops that are grown without the use of soil but with nutrient solutions mixed with water) and the use of high tunnels.

“We want to use these vehicles as a way to bring value-added options to farmers and make them more marketable and able to supply their products year-round to local grocery and community stores and not have to get their products from other states like Florida or Georgia,” said Huber.

Huber joins SC State 1890 in wake of the program’s historic \$70M Climate-Smart Commodities partnership grant with Clemson University, awarded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in October 2022.

The climate-smart commodities project focuses on various agricultural products including peanuts, beef cattle, forest products, and leafy green vegetables.

“Leafy greens are the model crops for indoor and vertical farm and high tunnel farm systems in South Carolina from mustard greens, collards, turnip greens, and much more, and allows for farmers to grow year-round and have continued income,” said Huber.

“We are excited for Dr. Huber to bring his wealth of knowledge and experience on controlled

environment agriculture to SC State [1890],” said Dr. Louis Whitesides, vice president and executive director for 1890 programs. “As issues of food security increase and food costs continue to rise, controlled environment farming is one possible solution to address these challenges. Dr. Huber will use his expertise in this area to develop and deploy controlled environment agriculture best practices to the state’s small, minority and underserved farmers and producers. The various indoor farming methods will be beneficial to our farmers, helping them to receive the best return on investment as it relates to farming crops indoors.”

Huber earned his Ph.D. in controlled environment horticulture and a master’s degree in plant breeding at NC State University (Raleigh, NC). He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in ornamental horticulture at Temple University (Philadelphia, PA).

Huber has experience in the greenhouse production industry as a greenhouse manager with the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society.

Prior to joining SC State 1890, Huber taught vegetable production at NC State University and provided consulting work in controlled environment agriculture.

For more information on the controlled environment program, contact Dr. Brandon Huber, at [bhuber@scsu.edu](mailto:bhuber@scsu.edu).



# COTTON GROWERS LOOKING AT HIGH SUPPLY, LOW DEMAND

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

During the 2023 South Carolina Cotton Growers Meeting, cotton growers were told they should expect the possibility of lower prices this year.

Nathan Smith, Clemson Extension agricultural economist and agribusiness program team director, said the outlook for cotton shows a slow economy and reduced demand coupled with a carryover increase pushing cotton acreage to an expected 11.57 million acres according to a Cotton Grower survey, down roughly 1 million acres from 2022. However, the drop could be larger falling below 11 million acres.

All of this is expected to hold down prices, Smith told about 200 South Carolina cotton growers during the meeting in Santee, South Carolina in January. December cotton futures prices were \$0.87 on Jan. 24, 2023, compared to \$1.24 at the same time in 2022.

“The U.S. cotton supply is high and demand is down,” Smith said. “We have a surplus of cotton left over from 2022 and consumers have cut back on discretionary spending, like buying clothes and other cotton goods, in favor of paying for food and fuel, transportation and housing. This has pushed down cotton prices and we may see some cotton acres shift over to another crop.”

Smith said budgets will be important going into the planting season.

“Growers need to know what price they will need to cover all of their costs and still have a profit to for living expenses and other expenses on the farm,” Smith said. “So budgeting is important this year. Growers have already cut back on what they can on their inputs due to the, the supply situation last year and the higher prices.”

There is one bright spot on the input side. Smith said fertilizer prices have started coming down and are a little lower than they were this time last year. Prices for diesel also are dropping.

“Right now, this looks like it’s going to be a year where growers will need to continue to be as efficient as they can be,” Smith said. “Hopefully, we’ll be blessed with good weather so that we can have a good crop for South Carolina cotton growers.”

## COTTON VARIETIES AND SEED TESTING

Mike Jones, Clemson Extension cotton specialist at the Pee Dee REC near Florence, South Carolina, said 2022 was a record year for southeastern United States cotton with an average 939 pounds per acre harvested. Fiber quality is important and proper selection can ensure cotton growers grow profitable varieties.

“U.S. cotton is outstanding in fiber length and strength,” Jones said. “To continue growing high quality cotton, growers should do their homework when choosing varieties to plant. Variety selection is one of the most important decisions a cotton grower can make. Choose varieties that have yield potential in various areas.”

### MARKET BULLETIN

It is important to spread risks over planting and maturity dates. Varieties that have performed well in the Southeast and in South Carolina include Stoneville’s ST 5091B3XF and Delta Pine’s DP 2127B3XF, DP 1646B2XF and DP 2012B3XF, Americot’s NG 4190B3XF and Armor’s 9371B3XF. More variety trial information from Jones’ studies can be found online at [bit.ly/3DAIRqe](https://bit.ly/3DAIRqe).

New varieties are coming for the Southeast. Industry representatives from BASF, Americot, Bayer Crop Science and Phytogen spoke briefly about new cotton varieties coming from their

“We want to keep boll weevils out of South Carolina,” Perrow said. “One way to help keep them out is for growers to inspect every piece of equipment they buy from somewhere else to make sure it’s clean and free of any boll weevils.”

## KEEPING AGRICULTURE NUMBER 1 IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Hugh Weathers, South Carolina commissioner of agriculture, tells attendees "It's a good time for South Carolina agriculture."

Agriculture is the state’s Number 1 industry and cotton is one of the top commodities contributing to agriculture’s \$51.8 billion annual impact on the South Carolina economy. Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers told attendees his department is working to keep agriculture strong in South Carolina.

“These last couple of years have been strong for South Carolina cotton,” Weathers said. “Our agritourism industry is growing and we’re helping meat, poultry and seafood processors expand and keep more dollars in the state. We’re also looking for projects that will add to production agriculture in our state. It’s a good time in South Carolina for agriculture.”

## TECHNOLOGY, SUSTAINABILITY, AND THE FARM BILL

Technology use is important to help keep agriculture sustainable. Ed Barnes, senior director of agriculture research at Cotton Incorporated, encouraged growers to use technology to grow their crops. One example of this technology is the “Husky Harvester,” a modified Husky robot made into an autonomous utility tractor with the ability to navigate fields while pulling smart implements behind it. This technology was created by a team led by Joe Mari Maja, a Clemson research sensor engineer housed at the Edisto REC.

“Technology allows for more precise crop management,” Barnes said. “At Cotton Incorporated, we are focusing on research using robotics and AI-controlled (Artificial Intelligence) machines to improve harvest yields and pest management precision. We believe this technology will allow crops to be farmed and harvested more efficiently, and more sustainably.”

Sustainability is important. In a report from the National Cotton Council, chairman Ted Schneider said to remain viable, cotton producers should focus on sustainability.

“I believe as long as we meet the needs of our customers, cotton has a bright future, but the needs of our customers are changing,” Schneider said. “We are in a supply chain of a very large industry. Brands and retailers, spinning mills really like U.S. cotton, but they need sustainable cotton — more accurately they need proof we’re growing cotton sustainably.”

Schneider said the Cotton Council is “working hard in Washington D.C. to protect America’s farmers and be sure we can get the best bang for our buck from the new farm bill.”

In addition to these presenters, other speakers during the meeting were Frank Rogers, chairman of the South Carolina Cotton Board and Todd Campbell, USDA-ARS research geneticist.



About 200 growers gathered for the annual South Carolina Cotton Growers Meeting in Santee, South Carolina.

companies.

When deciding which variety to plant, Jones said “purchase quality seed.” Clemson Regulatory Services operates the South Carolina Seed Certification Program in which seed producers adhere to rigid standards for purity and germination based on laboratory analyses conducted by the SC Department of Agriculture Seed Lab.

Leslie Beaty from the Agriculture Seed Lab said germination and purity testing are conducted in the lab. South Carolina Seed Law requires seed to be tested and meet specific standards before it can be sold, Beaty said. The law also requires anyone selling seed in South Carolina be licensed through SCDA Consumer Protection Division. Information regarding the sale of seed can be found in the South Carolina Seed Law. An application for sale of seed can be found at South Carolina Seed License Application.

## INSECT PESTS

As for insects, Jeremy Greene, Clemson entomologist housed the Edisto REC, said the issues are the same but growers now have new control strategies. Greene talked about preventative and reactive options for thrips in cotton, including seed and in-furrow treatments. Another option is Bollgard 3 ThryvOn cotton. After a successful trial program, Bollgard 3 ThryvOn cotton with XtendFlex technology is now available. Thryvon is the industry’s first biotech trait to provide protection against tarnished plant bugs and thrips species. It also may help reduce the need for some insecticide applications.

For insect management recommendations, go to the 2022 South Carolina Pest Management Handbook, [bit.ly/3DDIOLA](https://bit.ly/3DDIOLA), or contact Greene at [greenes4@clemson.edu](mailto:greenes4@clemson.edu).

In a boll weevil update, Drake Perrow of the state’s Boll Weevil Eradication Program said this pest has not been detected in the state for some time.



# SC STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES TO HOST FIRST AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

ORANGEBURG, S.C. — South Carolina State University’s College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFCS) will host AgriFest — an event highlighting the university’s innovation, advancements and opportunities in agriculture — Saturday, March 25, 2023.

AgriFest will take place on campus from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the field behind Felton Laboratory School. There is no cost to attend the event and the entire community is welcome.

AgriFest will feature activities and educational opportunities for all ages, including vendors, exhibitors, food trucks, and live entertainment. Attendees will experience demonstrations of farming techniques and workshops on sustainable agriculture. They also can take advantage of health screenings and other community services.

The event will be particularly beneficial to middle and high school students interested in learning

more about potential careers in agriculture and related industries.

In addition to informational sessions and networking opportunities with leaders in agriculture across the state, students can apply for the newly announced Col. Alexander Conyers Agricultural Scholarship. Conyers is SC State’s 13th president.

"We are excited to announce AgriFest 2023. This is the first of many planned events and programs from the College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences focused on uniting communities across the state and showcasing our talents," said Dr. William Whitaker, CAFCS’ acting dean. “We are dedicated to providing unique and empowering resources to the general population and our students.

“AgriFest is an excellent opportunity to come together and celebrate the tremendous impacts

that agriculture has in our economy and environment and to highlight the important role that SC State plays in the agricultural sector,” Whitaker said.

The college is connecting with high schools throughout the state to have their students experience AgriFest and working with sponsors who support the mission of the university and CAFCS.

Businesses and organizations interested in sponsoring AgriFest are invited to showcase their brands and partner with the CAFCS to support the annual event.

For more information, contact Odeidra Williams, CAFCA director of marketing and public relations, at [owillia4@scsu.edu](mailto:owillia4@scsu.edu) or click here to register.

## CLEMSON EXTENSION ANNOUNCES COOL-SEASON FORAGES FIELD DAYS

BY CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Cool-season forages can help provide supplemental feed for livestock during the fall and winter months.

To help South Carolina livestock owners learn more about cool-season forages, the Clemson Cooperative Extension Service is holding field days in March and April. The field days will be led by Liliane Silva, Clemson forages research and Extension specialist, and members of the Clemson Extension Livestock and Forages team.

“We will cover a diverse range of forage-related topics,” Silva said. “These events are for beginning and experienced farmers, Extension agents, agricultural professionals, minorities, underrepresented and underserved farmers, and the general public.”

The first field day will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 9 at the Edisto Research and Education Center (REC), 64 Research Road, Blackville, South Carolina 29817.

Topics covered will include technology use to improve management of forage-livestock systems, management of broadleaf winter weeds in pastures and hayfields, economic outlook and considerations for forage-livestock systems in 2023 and cool-season forages species diversity, establishment and management. Cost is \$15. To register, go to [bit.ly/3XdLVQI](https://bit.ly/3XdLVQI). For information, contact Liliane Silva, [lseveri@clemson.edu](mailto:lseveri@clemson.edu).

The second field day is scheduled for 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on March 31 at the Sandhill REC, 900 Clemson Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29229. There is no cost to attend. The program will begin outdoors with a visit to the cool-season demonstration plots.

Topics to be covered include cool-season forage species diversity, establishment and management; use of cool-season forages to improve forage production and reduce hay feeding, and economics. Contact Brian Beer, [bbeer@clemson.edu](mailto:bbeer@clemson.edu), for information.

A third field day will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., April 6 at the Piedmont REC (Simpson Beef Farm), State Rd S-4-29, Pendleton, South Carolina 29670. There is no cost to attend this field day. The program will begin outdoors with a visit to the cool-season demonstration plots and discussion. An indoor presentation and dinner will follow.

Topics to be covered include cool-season forages species diversity, establishment and management; use of cool-season forages to improve forage production and reduce hay feeding, and economics. Contact: Sam Quinney, [squinne@clemson.edu](mailto:squinne@clemson.edu), for information.

Additional cool-season forages field days are being scheduled and will be announced later.

In the southeastern United States, most livestock operations primarily are based on perennial warm-season grasses. Because of the seasonality of production, there is a need to provide supplemental feed for livestock during the fall and winter months by stockpiling forages, feeding hay or non-forage feedstuff, or planting cool-season annuals.

Annual cool-season forages have high forage quality that can extend forage production and distribution, which decreases the need for feeding livestock with hay. Selecting the proper forage species adapted to location, weather, soil type and animals’ nutrient requirements is essential.

In addition to the cool-season forages field days, other Clemson REC field days include:

April 25 – Turfgrass Research Field Day, Pee Dee REC, Florence, South Carolina.

April 27 – Small Grains Field Day, Pee Dee REC, Florence South Carolina.

May 30 – Field Day, Sandhill REC, Columbia, South Carolina.

June 7 – Vegetable Field Day, Coastal REC, Charleston, South Carolina.

July 13 – Watermelon Field Day, Edisto REC, Blackville, South Carolina.

July 27 – Corn Field Day, Edisto REC, Blackville, South Carolina

Aug. 31 – Agronomy Field Day, Pee Dee REC, Florence, South Carolina.

Sept. 7 – Peanut Field Day, Edisto REC, Blackville, South Carolina.

Sept. 21 – Agronomic and Vegetable Field Day, Edisto REC, Blackville, South Carolina.

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The cool-season forages field days project is made possible through the support of the South Carolina Forages and Grazing Land Coalition, a branch of the American Forage and Grassland Council.

